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Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

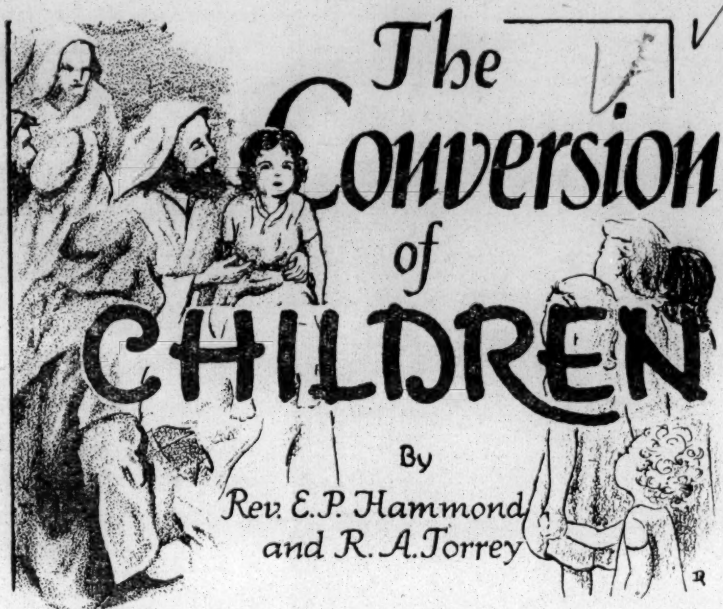
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The Conversion of CHILDREN

By
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No revival is what it ought to be if a good deal of attention is not given to the children and much prayerful effort put forth for their conversion. If Christian people use the divinely appointed means to lead souls, young or old, to Christ, they may confidently expect God's blessing, but this is pre-eminently true in dealing with children.

Dr. Duff of Scotland went to India and labored for the conversion of the heathen; ye with all his eloquence I heard him say in the Free Church Assembly Hall of Edinburgh that his labors were a comparative failure until he turned his attention to the children and held up Christ as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world, then their hearts were touched and many repented and believed in the Lord Jesus. From that time on he began to speak of certainties instead of continuing to speak of possibilities.

"Take heed," said Jesus, "that ye despise not one of these little ones." The word translated "despise" is a very suggestive word, meaning literally to think down, to think little or nothing of. Take heed that ye think not down one of these little ones. The conversion of a child may be of very little importance in our sight, but it is of immense importance in Jesus' sight.

I. The Importance of the Conversion of Children

1. The conversion of a child is important, in the first place, because children oftentimes die.

Most people in Chicago die in childhood. For every one who dies between twenty and forty there are many who die between birth and twenty. So with very many of the children at any time upon the earth, they must be converted in childhood or pass into eternity unconverted.

In spite of the large number of children's caskets that pass us in hearses, it is hard to bring people

to realize how likely children are to die. We look at the white-haired man and say he is likely to die soon, but we look at the little child and think that child has many years before him. That is not at all sure. We have very rude awakenings from this dream.

Mothers and fathers, do you realize that your children may die? Up quick, then, and lead them to Christ before that day (Continued on page 11)

At Last We've Done It!

We have overcome our timidity; we have collected the sensational sermons and published them in a book. Is God a "Dirty Bully"? And Other Sensational Sermons, approximately 192 pages, value \$2.50, given free with subscriptions.

By the Editor

For many years we have wanted to get out a book of some of the most sensational sermons we have ever printed. However, many people do not like sensational preaching. Many people are offended by strong preaching on Hell, sin, or judgment. Particularly some timid people are offended by a dogmatic, positive kind of preaching which bears down on sin, which gives particular information about modernism, which names sinners, and warns the public. So we have saved up these sermons, through the years, until we would have enough of the right kind of sermons and gain courage to publish them with a striking title.

Now we have the book and it's really sensational. Some publishers hesitated at the vigorous language. In the Sword office my secretary, the assistant editor, and other wise and valued workers, did not like the title. Because the book contains so much strong Bible teaching, they thought the title might be misleading. They thought people might think the book was wildfire, irresponsible.

But this time I have boldly insisted and have gotten the book ready for use.

The first sermon attacks modernism openly and boldly, attacking some of the infidels in the church who do not believe the Bible and who deny the essentials of the Christian faith. Methodist Bishop Oxnham, who quoted favorably the saying that the God of the Old Testament is a "Dirty Bully" is dealt with and so are other famous modernists who de-

ny the essentials of the Christian faith. But all this is preached with many, many Scriptures and we trust in the power of God, to show how terrible is the sin which God must condemn, and how terrible a price Christ paid to keep sinners out of Hell. Your heart will burn over the terrible dealing of God with the human race, with Israel, the terrors of Hell, and will rejoice that the dear Lord Jesus bore such sufferings for us.

These sermons deal very frankly with the death penalty which the Bible commands for murder, with the problem of kidnapping, with the terrible dangers of wealth, with the sin of the New Deal type of mob psychology which has encouraged people to envy the wealthy and to seize what is not theirs. Here we show the folly of the healing evangelist who claims that God intends every person to be completely well. Here we deal frankly with the desegregation problems in the chapter, "Negro and White." Here fortunetellers and spiritists are shown up with Bible teaching to show what is wrong with this Devil-worship and their betrayal

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SIN: Its Penalty And Its Cure

By Pastor G. Beauchamp Vick
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Today I should like to speak to you upon a rather unpopular subject. The message will center around a short little three letter word S-I-N—SIN. In the very pronunciation of that word we hear the hiss of the serpent. I choose this subject because we are living in a day when men seem absolutely color-blind to sin.

No more do men realize the awfulness, the heinousness, the blackness of sin and the eternal consequences thereof. I believe that no man will ever experience salvation from sin until he has sensed and realized the terrible fact of sin, its nature, its depraving power, its cost to God; its terrible penalty in the torn palms and the bleeding feet of the Lord Jesus; its horrible and eternal retribution. There is no easy path to Golgotha, nor have we discovered a nice, comfortable cross. In too many quarters men seem to think that sin is merely error, a mistake of the human mind or slight deviation from the path of rectitude; but my friends, God never tries to gloss over sin.

I need not attempt to prove to you the tragic reality of sin. The Bible describes it. Our own observation verifies its presence. Human experience teaches the

fact of sin, and every honest man, deep down in his own heart, realizes the truth of Isaiah 6:5: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." In Proverbs 14:9 God tells us that only "fools make a mock of sin." Therefore, at the very outset, I want to get clearly in your mind the fact of sin.

What is it?

I. Its Definition

In I John 5:17 we read that "all unrighteousness is sin."

In I John 3:4 we read that "sin is the transgression of the law."

Sin, therefore, is the condition of the human heart at enmity with God. Sin is any transgression of the revealed will and Word of God. Sin is, therefore, any lack of conformity to the revealed will of God. Therefore "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

II. Its Origin

As far as the origin of sin in the universe is concerned, we find that sin first found lodgment in the heart of Satan. You remember that Satan was one of the tallest angels of light, and in his original estate occupied a very high and exalted position in Heaven. It was because of this honor and exaltation that pride (SIN) entered into the heart of Satan and he determined to usurp the throne of God and to take the place in the universe and in the hearts of men which rightfully belongs to God Himself.

Therefore, with burning eloquence, Satan persuaded the tallest angels of light to join his hosts in rebellion against God; but scarcely had they uncovered their batteries or unsheathed their swords when the live thunders of Jehovah's infinite wrath were heard rolling down the avenues of Heaven and Satan and his rebellious angels were cast out of Heaven into—somebody says, "Hell."

No, my friends, Satan is not in Hell; Satan has not been to Hell yet. Many people have the wrong conception of what Hell is like. They think that Satan is the lord of that eternal inferno, that he is walking about with a pitchfork laughing in glee at the anguish of all the doomed and



Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick

damned souls incarcerated in Hell. My friends, Satan is not in Hell. He has not been there yet. Satan dreads Hell just like anyone else who has any sense, for Hell was prepared as a place of punishment for Satan and his rebellious angels.

Therefore, sin had its origin in the heart and in the pride of Satan.

As far as the origin of sin here upon earth is concerned, we remember the familiar story as recorded in Genesis, the third chapter, how that Satan entered into the serpent and came to the woman and beguiled her and induced her to sin, and by voluntary transgression man fell from his estate of sinlessness and innocence. Therefore, to realize the eternal and far-reaching consequences of that tragic act we turn to Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." There was the origin of sin here upon the earth. However, don't misunderstand me: No man goes to Hell because of another's sin. Individually we are sinners by birth, sinners by nature, sinners by choice, and sinners by practice.

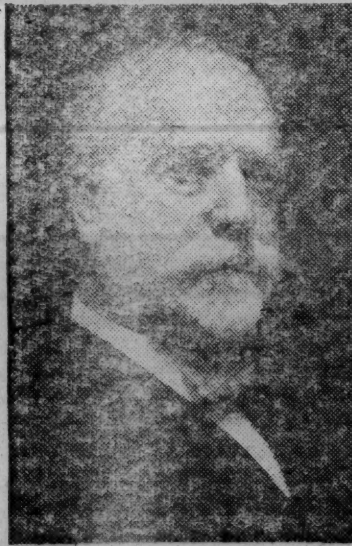
III. Its Scope

To realize the scope of sin, its universality, I cite you again the verse quoted just above: "And so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Therefore, we find that sin is universal. No one is excepted.

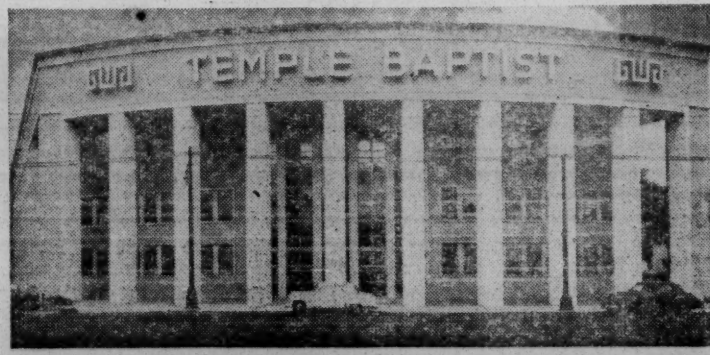
In Romans 3:9-20 we read:

What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none

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Dr. R. A. Torrey



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By the Editor

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The editor has been requested to look the other way while this picture of his family is printed! It was taken to commemorate the graduation of Joy from Wheaton College, the last of the six girls to do so.

Seated: Joanna (Mrs. Billy Carl Rice); Mrs. Rice; Editor Rice; and Joy.

Standing: Mary Lloys (Mrs. Charles Himes); Grace (Mrs. J. Allan MacMullen); Jessie (Mrs. Don Sandberg); and Elizabeth (Mrs. Walter E. Handford).



I have no children, but want a family so badly. Have prayed earnestly. Why does God not answer my prayer?

Your letter came recently and I have prayerfully gone over it several times. I do know something of your burden.

You are certainly right to pray for children. We have many examples in the Bible of people who prayed and God gave to the barren woman the child for which she prayed. Besides Rachel and Hannah, that was true also about Sarah and Rebekah and Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. I do think it proper and right for you to earnestly pray for God to give a child.

At the same time, I advise you to seek the advice of a good doctor. Sometimes there is treatment or diet which will help to make possible the normal conception of children. Sometimes the husband has been affected by some disease like the mumps and left infertile. Sometimes vitamin pills, more rest, regular exercise make a man able to become a father. At least it is worth both of you being examined by a good doctor. It would be better to know if there is anything that could be done physically. It may be that you have already had medical advice and very careful medical examination.

At the same time, we must admit that sometimes God seems not to choose to give a baby where one is desired. I have five daughters who are happily married. Two of them have been unable to have children for some reason. Both have, after much prayer, adopted children. One daughter and her husband have adopted two and the other has adopted one. They are very happy with the adopted babies.

In both these cases the children were adopted through the Evangelical Welfare Agency, 542 S. Dearborn, Chicago 5, Illinois. These are Christian people and they would like to co-operate with good Christians.

I know you are right to pray. And if God encourages your heart, I would be insistent in prayer. If God does not give you the assur-

Universal Depravity

When Chicago was a small town, it was incorporated and made a city. There was one clause in the new law that no man should be a policeman who was not a certain height—five feet six inches, let us say. When the commissioners got into power, they advertised for men as candidates, and in the advertisement they stated that no man need apply who could not bring good credentials to recommend him. I remember going past the office one day, and there was a crowd of them waiting to get in. They quite blocked up the side of the street; and they were comparing notes as to their chances of success. One says to another, "I have got a good letter of recommendation from the mayor, and one from the supreme judge." Another says, "And I have got a good letter from Senator So-and-so. I'm sure to get in." The two men come on together, and lay their letters down on the commissioners' desk. "Well," say the officials, "you have certainly a good many letters but we won't read them till we measure you." Ah! they forgot all about that. So the first man is measured, and he is only five feet. "No chance for you sir; the law says the men must be five feet six inches, and you don't come up to the standard." The other says, "Well, my chance is a good deal better than his. I'm a good bit taller than he is"—he begins to measure himself by the other man. That is what people are always doing, measuring themselves by others. Measure yourselves by the law of God, or by the Son of God Himself; and if you do that, you will find you have come short. He goes up to the officers, and they measure him; he is five feet five inches and nine-tenths of an inch. "No good," they tell him; "you're not up to the standard." "But I'm only one-tenth of an inch short," he remonstrates. "It's no matter," they say; "There's no difference." He goes with the man who was

five feet. One comes short six inches, and the other only one-tenth of an inch, but the law cannot be changed. And the law of God is, that no man shall go into the kingdom of Heaven with one sin on him. He that has broken the least law is guilty of all.—Moody.

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door Dr. John R. Rice



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"What Time I Am Afraid, I Will Trust in Thee"

"Ouch, mother! That hurts," Sally said to her mother, who was brushing her thick brown hair.

"I'm sorry, dear. I'll go a little easier on your curls. But we've got to hurry—your train leaves in just a few minutes."

Mother combed the last curl in place and then tied a pretty blue ribbon in Sally's hair. Sally was wearing her best dress. It was blue and had white flowers scattered all over it.

"Now, Sally, are we all ready to go? Here is your purse. Daddy has already taken your suitcase out to the car."

Sally and Mother hurried out to the car where Daddy and Sally's four-year-old brother Roger were waiting. Soon they were on their way to the train station down town. In a few minutes Sally would get on a fast train and travel to her grandma and grandpa's farm out in the country.

Sally's heart went "thump . . . thump . . . thump." She was getting excited. This was her first trip to the farm all by herself. Just then Roger squealed, "Oh look, Sally. There is the station. See that big train? Maybe that's the one you'll ride on."

Daddy parked the car in the lot across from the station and the four of them got out. When they got inside, Daddy hurried to the ticket counter and bought Sally's ticket. He handed the small green ticket to Sally and explained, "You'd better put it in your purse so you won't lose it. After you are on the train, the conductor will come along and ask to see your ticket. You show him this, and he will tear it in half and give half of it back to you. That way he knows your ride is paid for."

Just then a train whistle blew sharply and Sally jumped. Roger clapped his hands. "Oh boy!" he exclaimed. "It's just about ready to go. Sally, can't I go with you?"

Sally smiled at Roger. "You just wait a little while. Someday, when you get to be eight years old like me, then maybe you'll get to ride on a train to Grandpa's."

Daddy looked at his watch. "We still have a few minutes before the train goes. Why don't we have prayer for Sally before she gets on?" The four of them bowed their heads and Daddy prayed, "Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our Sally as she takes this trip. Protect her and keep her safe, we pray. May she have a happy time at the farm, and be a help to Grandpa and Grandma. Teach her not to be afraid or lonely. Help her to remember that You are with her. Help her to trust you. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen."

Then Sally threw her arms around her mother's neck. She hugged Daddy and Roger. Just then she felt a big lump in her throat. Sally blinked to keep back the tears. "Oh, Mother, I'm going to miss you and Daddy and Roger." Mother smiled encouragingly. "Sally," she said, "I've put a little Scripture verse on a slip of paper. I want you to take it with you. Why don't you learn it while you are on the train? It is a good promise for you to remember when you are lonely or afraid."

The train whistle gave two short blasts and the bells on the crossing gates began to ring. Daddy's strong arms helped Sally on to the train, and the conductor promised to take good care of her. Sally found her seat and waved to Mother, Daddy, and Roger as the train pulled out of the station. She was on her way!

Sally settled back in her seat and looked out the window. Soon she could not see the station. Tele-

phone poles whizzed by the window. Bridges and buildings flew past. In a short time the train was out of town. Sally saw tall green corn stalks and yellow sunflowers waving to her in the breeze. She watched little streams ripple along, racing the train. She tried to count the red cows lying contentedly on the grass.

After eating the bag lunch she had brought with her, Sally got out the slip of paper Mother had given her. The verse was from a psalm of David—Psalm 56:3. She read it slowly: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." Sally thought of the story of the shepherd boy, David, fighting a lion as he took care of the sheep. She remembered how David fought the giant, Goliath. Probably sometimes David was afraid, but God always took care of David, she

shells, and were damp and sleepy looking. "Soon they will dry out, and hop about, too," explained Grandma.

Sally giggled as she watched one tiny creature wobble around on its shaky legs. She was amazed to think that these soft yellow chicks came from eggs. Eggs reminded her of breakfast!

When Grandmother went into the house to start supper, Sally decided to do a little exploring on her own. The warm sun made her thirsty, so she thought it would be fun to get a cool drink at the windmill. She took off her shoes and stockings and walked slowly down the path to the old windmill. The warm dust felt good under her bare toes. Tall green grass grew on either side of the path.

Suddenly Sally heard a strange buzzing noise. "Bzzz . . . bzzz . . . bzzz." She stopped and listened. "Bzzz . . . bzzz . . . bzzz." Sally was afraid. She had heard that noise once before. Last summer Grandma had killed a rattlesnake near the house and had showed it to Sally and Roger. Grandpa had pointed out the shell-like rattle on the end of the snake's thick body, and explained that rattlers give a warning by shaking the rattle on their tail.

Once again the noise came, "Bzzz . . . bzzz . . . bzzz." Sally wanted to turn and run as fast as she could back to the house. She started to turn around when the verse she had learned that afternoon came to her mind. "What time I am afraid, I will



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thought to herself. She read the verse over several times. In a few minutes Sally could say it perfectly without looking at the paper once: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee."

It was not long until the train began to slow down at a little white station marked "Turnerville." Sally could see Grandma and Grandpa waiting for her beside their red farm truck. The conductor carried Sally's suitcase down the aisle, and in a moment Sally was in Grandpa's arms. "Well, who is this grown-up young lady?" asked Grandpa with a chuckle. "And just think, Grandpa, she came on the train all by herself," Grandma replied.

The afternoon sun was still warm and bright when they reached the farm. The first thing Grandma did was to show the new baby chickens to Sally. Some of the yellow chicks hopped about pecking feed, while the newer ones huddled together. They had just pecked their way out of their

trust in Thee." Sally stood still and looked up into the blue sky. "Dear Lord Jesus, I'm afraid and I don't know what to do. Please take care of me."

She did not move a muscle, and in a moment she heard a rustling noise. She turned and saw an ugly rattlesnake glide away into the grass. Sally breathed a "Thank-you, Lord." She knew that if she had turned around to run back to the house, she would have been bitten.

That night Sally curled up in the big four-poster bed in the downstairs bedroom. Outside she heard the steady chirp of crickets. For a moment she felt lonely. It was dark in the bedroom, but she could see the stars shining brightly through the window. Mother and Daddy were far away, and Grandma and Grandpa were sleeping upstairs. But God was near. She remembered how well He had taken care of her that afternoon. "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee," she murmured

THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Did you see the big advertisements in this issue of THE SWORD, and for the past few weeks? You will notice that we are running sixteen pages now instead of twelve to make room for a great increase in advertising. But you still get three full-length sermons, the "Kids Korner," the Bible crossword puzzle, reports on revivals, "The Editor's Notes," and such matters. We are still giving full value to our readers, besides carrying advertising which will be a great help.

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sleepily. In a moment, she was fast asleep."

I hope that you boys and girls, like Sally, will trust in the Lord Jesus so you won't be afraid. How about learning that verse?

MEMORY WORK: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee" (Ps. 56:3).

Another Coloring Contest!

You seemed to enjoy our last coloring contest so much that we decided to have another one. However, this time there is a special little twist. The picture shows Sally on the path with the rattlesnake behind her. Be sure to color Sally's dress and hair the right colors! Look back in the story and see what color they are supposed

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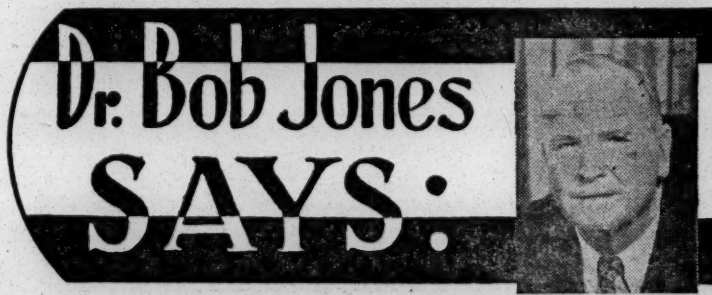
Some twelve or thirteen years ago the editor held a city-wide campaign in Memorial Hall, Dayton, Ohio. It was a joy to go back to this city for a conference on revival and soul winning at the Dayton Baptist Temple, Rev. Gerald Fleming, pastor, for the eight days, October 12-19. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., began the conference on the 12th, and he stayed through the eight days, closing on Sunday night the 19th. Dr. Lee Roberson was with us Thursday night and spoke three times Friday. I was in the conference from Monday through Sunday afternoon, with the exception of one day, Thursday, spent at Pontiac, Michigan.

People attended from many Ohio cities—from Columbus, Ashland, Springfield, Middletown, and Cincinnati, for example. There was a blessed reviving among Christians, many family altars established, many new dedications to soul winning.

Dayton Baptist Temple is only seven years old, has built a half-million dollar building with an auditorium seating 1,700 or 1,800, and adequate Sunday School equipment. They had between 1,000 and 1,100 present in Sunday School last Sunday. We had a number of people saved Sunday morning. We thank God for many fundamental, premillennial, soul-winning churches springing up over America.

A Day at Pontiac, Michigan

It was a joy, as always, to spend one day, morning and afternoon, with the large Emmanuel (Continued on page 13)



My son, Bob, Jr., the president of Bob Jones University, received a letter a few days ago from one of our graduates who is principal of a high school in a Southern state. I quote: "I have always been proud to be a graduate of Bob Jones University. Your pamphlet on 'New Evangelicalism' came today, and my faith in the school was renewed. I want to take my stand with you, and Dr. Bob, Sr., and the school." The uncompromising, fighting, orthodox, evangelistic stand which Bob Jones University was founded to maintain does something for young people. Churches are now being filled with "religious softies." Bob Jones University is going to stand without apology for the old-time religion, and it is going to keep on keeping our emphasis that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be a soul winner; and Bob Jones University is going to contend for the faith and not compromise with the most subtle, dangerous, compromise, evangelistic movement that we have ever had in the history of America. I am not telling you about our high academic standards and wonderful open doors

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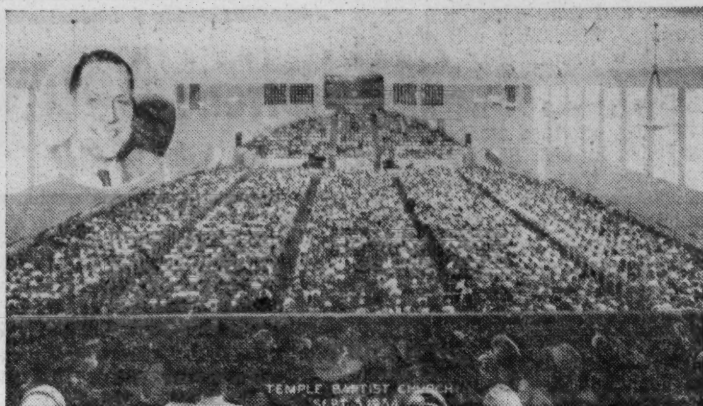
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righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

And now again, starting at the latter part of verse 22: "There is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Friend of mine, it will do you no good to try to tell me how good you are. For in Romans 1:18 we read, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

No wonder, then, that beginning in the latter part of verse 20 God says:



Interior of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit. Auditorium seats approximately 5,200; Sunday School runs from 4,000 to 5,000 in attendance. (Insert: Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick, pastor).

So that they are without excuse because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections.

Now, down in verses 28 and following:

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient: Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despisers, proud, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man.

No wonder, then, my friends, that in Romans 2:5, 6 we read, "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God: Who will render to every man according to his deeds."

In Genesis 6:5 God gives us an accurate photograph of the unregenerate heart of man, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Again, as to the universality of sin, God says in Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way."

In I John 1:10 we read, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

Again in I John 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves [I do not believe we deceive very many others; certainly we do not deceive God] and the truth is not in us."

My friends, we have already seen the definition of sin, its origin and its universality.

IV. Its Manifestations

First, we see sin all too often manifest in the lives of Christians. One of Satan's most potent tools is the backslidden Christian. Many men seem to have a misconception of what backsliding is. Sometimes we say, "That man doesn't come to church any more; therefore he is backslidden," or, "That man has gone back to drink; therefore he is backslidden," or, "That man has gone back to his old manner of living; therefore he is a backslider." My friends, the essence of backsliding is a lessening of our love for God. A person is a backslider when his love for God grows weak. That is the reason he quits attending church—because he doesn't love God as he did. That is the reason he goes back to his drinking or his gambling or his old manner of living—because his love for God has lessened.

The Lord Jesus Christ in the second chapter of the Book of Revelation, after commending the church at Ephesus for certain things says, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Many a person has left the honeymoon stage. No longer does your heart beat and pulsate with love and adoration and gratitude to God for snatching you as a brand from the burning; no longer do you live and walk and move in His presence; no longer do you talk with Him day by day in prayer; no longer do you let Him talk to you day by day through the written Word. You have left your first love.

Therefore, sin is manifest all too often in the lives of backslidden Christians. I believe that the most potent weapon which Satan has to damn more souls and to hinder the cause of Christ is the careless, inconsistent life of the backslidden Christian. I ask you this question, backslider: When you realize that unsaved men are stumbling over your sins into the bottomless abyss of Hell, is it worth it? When you roll sin as a sweet morsel underneath your tongue; when you live in con-

stant, willful disobedience to God, knowing that souls will stumble into Hell over your inconsistent life, is it worth it? Knowing too, that just as sure as you continue your impenitent backslidings that God will chasten, that He will lay bare the arm of His righteous judgment and chastise and whip you, is it worth it?

Oh, the Devil has countless unsaved people looking at backslidden Christians who will engage in doubtful indulgences and questionable practices. This old world, as far from God as it is, knows that if there is a reality in the claims which we make of the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives, that truly a believer is a new creation in Christ Jesus and that he should live like it. The world knows that there is something wrong in the lives of a lot of backslidden church members who put on a pious front, who go to church on Sunday morning, then from Monday to Saturday when you observe their manner of living, you can't tell them from the Devil's goats with a spyglass.

Now, another manifestation of sin in the life of Christians is a murmuring against God, against His servants, and His church. Back over in the twenty-first chapter of Numbers during the wilderness wanderings of God's earthly people, Israel, you remember, the people became discouraged and they began to complain and murmur against God, starting in verse 5:

And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the ser-

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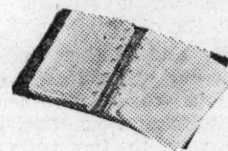
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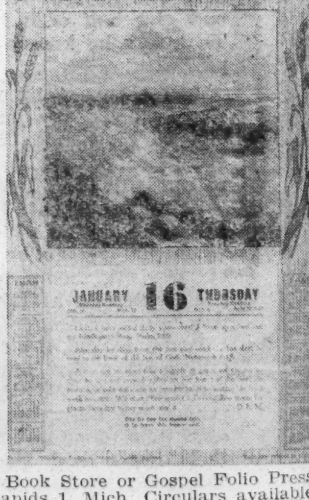
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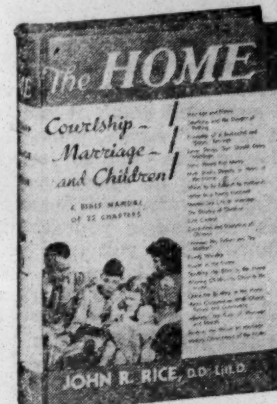
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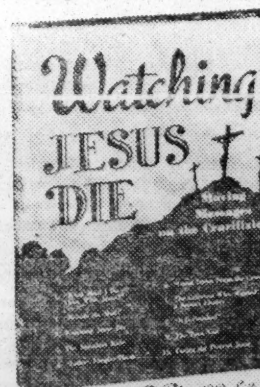
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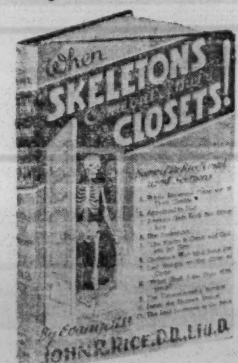
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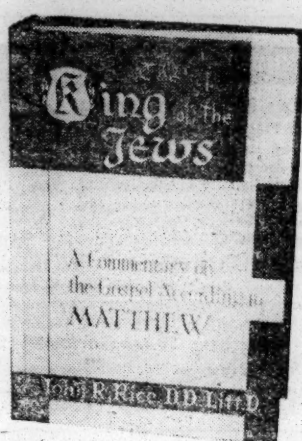
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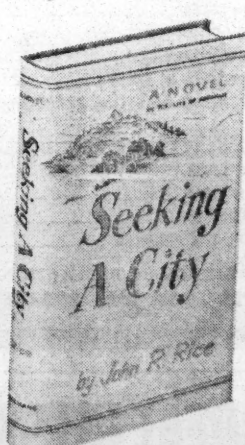
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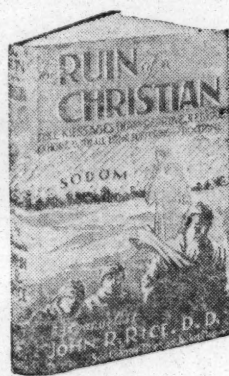
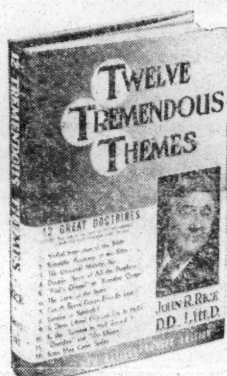
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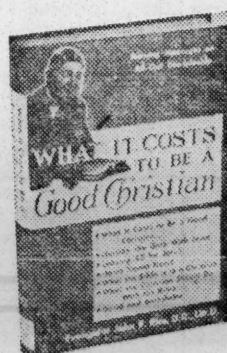
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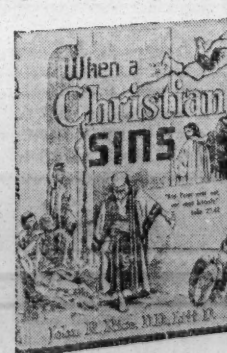
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Then again we see another manifestation of sin on the part of too many Christians, the sins of omission. A while ago I quoted you that verse from James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Again, when God tells His people "not to forsake the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is" and you are lax in your church attendance; when you turn your backs upon the house of God; when you forsake the altars of Jehovah, then you are guilty of the sin of willful disobedience.

Again when a Christian is guilty of disobeying God's Word, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," then that Christian is guilty of an act of deliberate disobedience to the plain command of God.

Now we turn to the manifestations of sin in the lives of lost men and women. First, we see their wrong attitude toward God. Isaiah 59, starting with the second verse:

But your iniquities have separated between you and

your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity . . . their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us; we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied

before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

Then next we see the manifestation of sin in the lives of men by their sins against their fellowmen. No man can be in the wrong attitude toward God and at the same time be in the right attitude or relationship toward his fellowmen. When we lie, when we steal, when we commit adultery and thus sin against our fellowmen, those sins stem from the root sin of rebellion against God.

Therefore, we come to the final, the most awful, the most heinous and the one damning sin which manifests itself in the life of the lost man! That sin is the rejection of Jesus Christ as God's Son and as your Saviour. In John 3:18 we read, "He that believeth on him [Christ] is not condemned: but he that believeth NOT is condemned already, BECAUSE he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

There are many sins which are manifest in the lives of poor, lost, sinful Hell-bound, Hell-deserving men, but I want you to realize the truth of the latter part of John 3:18, "He that believeth NOT is condemned already BECAUSE . . ." Not because he is a drunkard—the drunkard has his punishment. His home suffers, his loved ones suffer, he suffers in his own physical body. But a man does not go to Hell because he is a drunkard, terrible though that sin is. A man does not go to Hell because of the sin of adultery, though that is one of the filthiest sins that degrades and besmirches the sinful soul of man. As terrible as that sin is, no man goes to Hell because he is guilty of immorality. "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

THEREFORE, WE SEE THAT THE ONE DAMNING, CONDEMNING SIN WHICH SENDS MEN TO HELL IS THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST AS GOD'S SON AND AS YOUR INDIVIDUAL SAVIOUR.

"Oh," but someone says, "if just believing about Jesus is all that is necessary, then don't you think that nearly everybody is saved?" My friends, that verse does not say, "He that believeth about Jesus," but "he that believeth on him is not condemned." Let me try to illustrate the difference between believing about Jesus and believing on Him to the salvation of your soul.

I have believed about Jesus all my life—since I was old enough to believe anything. I heard that Jesus Christ was God's Son and I believed it. I heard the good news that He loved us enough to come to earth and die to pay the penalty for our sins, and I believed it. I was still just believing about Jesus. I heard that He was the only way of salvation, that "neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," and I believed that. But I still was just believing about Jesus.

But one day when I saw myself as a hopeless, helpless, Hell-deserving sinner, and realizing that Jesus was my only hope, I repented of my sin and put my entire reliance for salvation in what He did for me in dying upon the cross of Calvary. Then and there I believed on Him to the saving of my soul. That is what it means to believe on Christ, to trust implicitly in Him and in His shed blood, to put your entire reliance upon Jesus Christ dying in your stead. That is what it means to believe on Him. No wonder, then, that God says, "He that believeth on him is not condemned."

Let me further illustrate this truth: Here in Detroit we have a very strong banking institution known as the National Bank of Detroit, perhaps the largest and strongest bank between New York and Chicago. As long as I have lived in this city I have heard about that bank, have heard many good things about it. I have

heard about its strength and its stability. I have read its financial statements, read of its cash reserves, and its capital. I have heard about the men who are the officers of the bank. I have met some of those officials and they seem to me to be capable and honest men. I believed that they were capable of administering the affairs of that billion-dollar institution. But I was still merely believing about the National Bank of Detroit.

When do I believe on it? When I walk into that bank and leave with them my little life's savings, no matter how much or how little it is. When I commit all that I have been able to amass into their hands, depending upon them to keep it and to save it for me, that is when I believe on the National Bank of Detroit—when I commit my all to their care and to their keeping, when I depend upon them to keep that which is so valuable to me, until the time I shall require it.

That is what it means to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. I brought unto Him something which was more valuable than silver and gold—my immortal soul. I could not keep it; it would not be safe in my hands. I brought my soul unto Jesus and I committed my salvation into His care; therefore, I can say with the Apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

We have already seen the Definition of Sin, Its Origin, Its Scope or Universality, Its Manifestations; now we come to—

V. Its Awful and Eternal Consequences

"For the wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Death does not mean annihilation; death means separation. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the physical body, and spiritual death is the separation—the eternal separation—of the soul from God.

No wonder God says of the consequences of sin, "The wages of sin is death."

It is death to happiness here and hereafter. The consequences of sin, the "wages of sin is death" to everything that is high and holy and noble in a person's life. It means death to hope, death—eternal separation from God.

Therefore, the Bible describes that soul without a Saviour as being "dead in trespasses and in sins." Hence we see the necessity of the new birth, for that soul is dead in trespasses and in sins and life must be imparted, and life can only be imparted in the new birth. In Ephesians 2:1 we read, "And you hath he quickened [or made alive] who were dead in trespasses and sins."

I hate sin. I hate it for what it has done to me, for what it has done to those I love, and to others. Sin has dug every grave, has built every prison wall. Sin has built every asylum; sin has caused every tear to course down the cheek of a father or mother mourning for a prodigal son or daughter; sin has broken every home; sin has robbed every drunkard and gambler of his willpower and of his manhood; sin has assassinated virtue. It has damned every soul that vainly cries for deliverance from an eternal Hell.

No wonder God says only "fools make a mock at sin."

Now we come to the good news. We have seen Sin, Its Definition, Its Origin, Its Scope or Universality, Its Manifestations, and Its Consequences. Now, thank God, we see—

VI. Its Remedy

First John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

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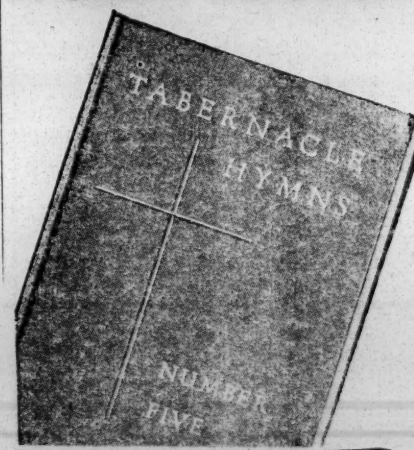
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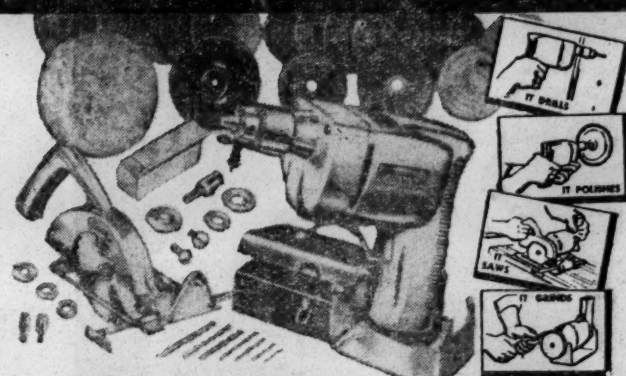
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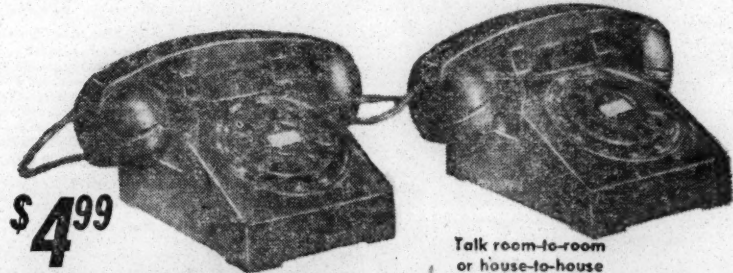
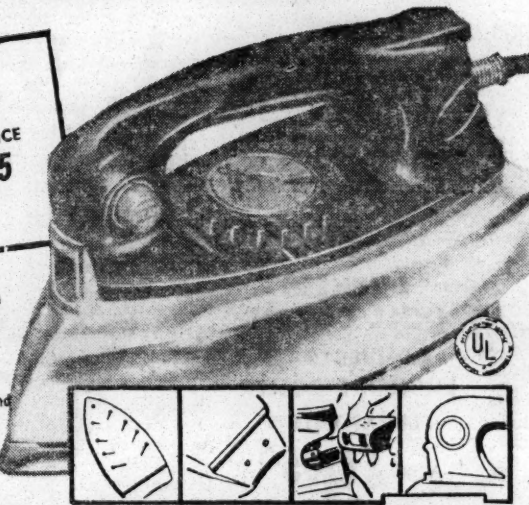
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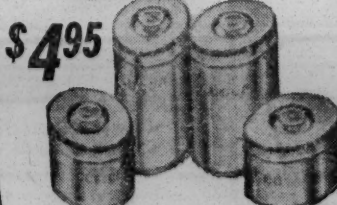
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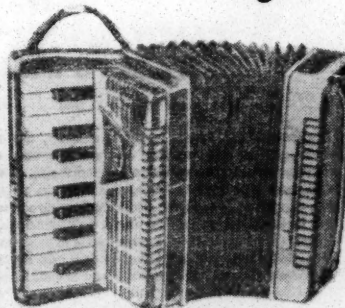
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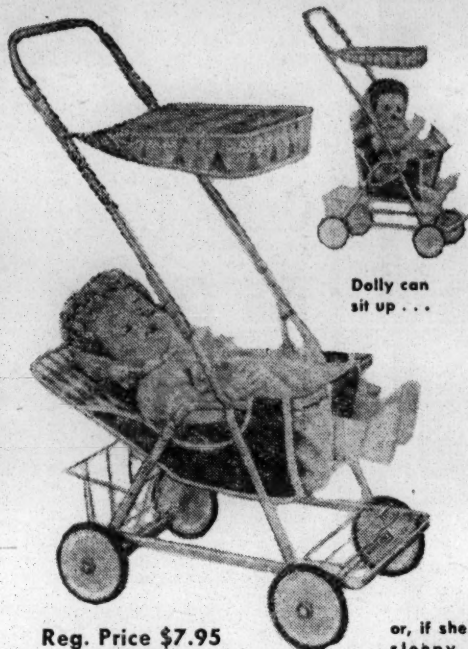
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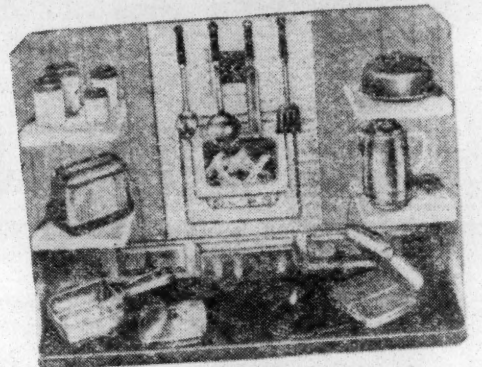
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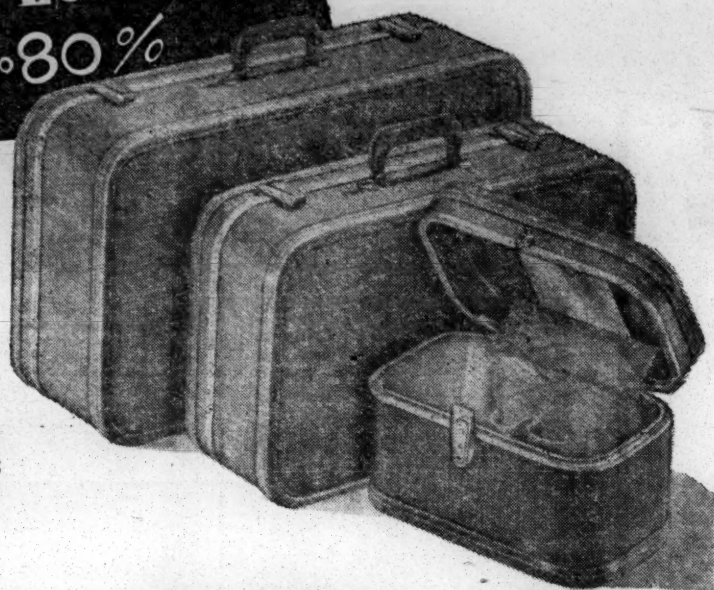
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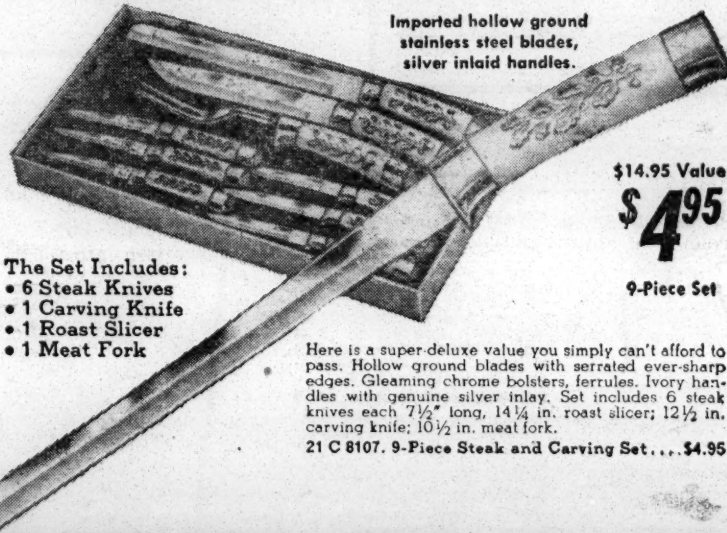
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comes. If you do not, it will be the darkest day you ever knew, but if you have led them to Christ, it will not be a dark day. Lonely it will be, but not dark. May, it will be glorious with the thought that the voyage is over and the Gloryland reached quickly by one you love.

Sunday School teachers, do you realize that any one of the boys or girls in the class you teach may die any day? Up, then, and win them to Christ as speedily as you may.

2. *The conversion of children is important, in the second place, because it is much easier to win a child to Christ than an adult.*

I once heard Dr. E. N. Kirk of Boston say, "If I could live my life over again, I would labor much more among children." During a series of meetings lasting sometimes five or six weeks, I have seen more children converted the first week than adults in all the weeks following. Children have no old prejudices to overcome as many grown people have. With the help of the Holy Spirit they are easily led to feel the great love of Christ in giving Himself to die for them, and when the simple story of His suffering and death is read and explained from God's Word, they believe it and exercise saving faith, and there and then the Holy Spirit effects a change of heart.

Mr. Spurgeon once said in my hearing:

"I could spend days in giving details of young children whom I have known and personally converted with, who have given evidence of a change of heart"; and he added, "I have more confidence in the spiritual life of such children whom I have taken into my church, than I have in the spiritual condition of adults thus received. I will go further and say that I have usually found a clearer knowledge of the Gospel and a warmer love toward Christ in the child convert than in the man convert. I may astonish you by saying that I have sometimes met with a deeper spiritual experience in a child of ten or twelve than in some persons of fifty or sixty. I have known a child who would weep himself to sleep by the month together under a crushing sense of sin. If you would know deep and bitter and awful fear of the wrath of God, let me tell you what I felt as a boy. If you want to know what faith in Christ is, you must not look to those who have been bemuddled by the heretical jargon of the times, but to the dear children who have taken Jesus at His word, and believed on Him, and therefore know and are sure that they are saved."

Every year that passes over our heads unconverted our hearts are

less open to holy impressions. Every year away from Christ our hearts become harder in sin. That needs no proof. The practice of sin increases the power of sin in our lives. God and Heaven and Christ and holiness lie very near childhood, but if the child remains away from Christ, every year he becomes farther and farther away.

When I see a child walk into the inquiry room of a Sunday evening, I feel quite certain that if a worker of any sense gets hold of that child he is going to be converted; but when I see a man or woman walk in there I do not feel at all as sure. The adult has become so entangled in sin, the mind has become so darkened by the error and skepticism that arise out of sin, there are so many complications added by each year, that the case of an adult is very difficult as compared with that of a child. The fact is that with very many if they are not converted in childhood they will never be converted at all. Fathers and mothers, that is true of the children in our homes. Sunday School teachers, that is true of the children in your Sunday School classes. It is now or never.

3. *Conversion of the children is important, in the third place, because converted children are among the most useful workers for Christ.*

They can reach persons who are inaccessible to everyone else. They can reach their schoolmates and playmates, the Jewish children, the Catholic children, the children of worldly parents and infidels. They can bring them to Sunday School or to children's meetings, and to Christ. You and I cannot get close enough to them to show them how beautiful Jesus is, and what joy and blessing He brings. They can. Then they can reach their parents oftentimes when we cannot. They will not listen to us, but they will to their children.

There was a rough, drunken gambler in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He often went by the mission door, but when a worker invited him in he repelled him with rude insults. But his child, about ten years old, was gotten into the Sunday School and won for Christ. Then she began to work and pray for her drunken papa, and a cottage meeting was at last held in his wretched home. The father took down his overcoat to go to the saloon. Little Annie asked him if he would not stay to the meeting. He roughly answered, "No."

"Won't you stay for my sake, Papa?"

The man hung up his coat. The meeting began, and the man was surly and wished he was out of it. They knelt in prayer while he sat on the end of the sofa. One after another prayed. Then all were silent. Then Annie's little voice was heard in prayer something like this, "God save my papa."

It broke the wicked man's heart, and then and there he accepted Christ. He afterwards became a deacon in my church. When New Year's day came and many had testified for Christ, Annie arose and said, "Papa used to drink and Mamma used to drink. Grandpa used to drink, and Grandma used to drink. But Papa is a Christian now, and Mamma is a Christian now, and Grandpa is a Christian now, and Grandma is a Christian now, and Uncle Joe is a Christian now, and Auntie is a Christian now. I guess we are all Christians down to our house now."

But the little girl herself led the way. Wasn't the conversion of that child important? Many a hardened sinner and many a skeptic has been led to Christ by a child.

When in Scotland I heard a touching story, showing how a child's simple question was used in leading a scoffing skeptic to the feet of Jesus. It is a true story. I was acquainted with the father of the child. Let the skeptic tell the story:

"As I stepped upon the platform at the railway station, a hand was laid upon my arm, and a voice said, 'Norman, is this you?'"

"I turned and looked at the speaker. It was an old classmate, Richard . . . with whom I had agreed to pass a few weeks and had not seen for years. After we had pushed our way through the

noisy crowd and were seated in his carriage, I looked at him again and exclaimed:

"Richard, how you have altered! How different now from the wild youth of old!"

"Yes, Norman, there have been many changes with me since we parted; but the greatest has been here," said he, smiling and gently touching his breast.

"Humph!" was my ejaculation, which elicited no reply.

"That evening, as he, his wife, and myself were walking in the conservatory, and I was admiring some jessamines, he said to me, 'Norman, I have yet a little treasure to show you, and, although it is small, it is greater than all these, almost the greatest one I have. Can you guess?'"

"When we went back to the drawing-room he showed to me his beautiful little girl, his only child, his little Bessie. I was not fond of children, but strangely did the little maiden win her way to my heart. Eight cloudless summers of her sunny life had passed, and had each one as it gently glided by left with her all its charms she could not have been more beautiful."

"That evening, sweet in memory to me, we became firm friends. She loved me because, when she asked Papa, he said he did."

"The next day we all went out for a drive. Little Bessie was bright and beautiful as the day, but sometimes there was a strange thoughtfulness of expression upon her face which troubled me as being beyond her years."

"As I was talking to her father I said something jeeringly about Him who had led the only pure life on earth. Richard said not a word in reply, but motioned me to look at Bessie. She was looking into my face with a gaze of mingled horror and surprise—an expression such as I never saw before nor since, and which I shall never forget. It was for a moment. No one spoke. Then the little maid burst into a flood of uncontrollable tears, and I felt a certain shame that in the presence of one so pure I should have spoken what she had never heard before. Then she looked at me in a sort of pitying way, and said, 'I thought you loved my Jesus; oh, how could you have said that of Him?' During the rest of the drive she lay upon her father's bosom in perfect silence."

"The next morning I was alone in my room thinking of all that had occurred, and a strange unaccountable feeling of seriousness was creeping over me, a sort of longing to be like her, when suddenly the little one was at my side. I started as I saw her, and met the tender gaze of love and pity which she bent upon me. Her head was laid upon my arm, and for a moment both were silent. Then the silence was broken with the words, 'Won't you love my Jesus?' and she was gone."

"I could not ridicule that lovely spirit. The next morning, and the next, and the next, the little girl came in the same way, said the same words and disappeared. I never answered her, and at no other time did she allude to the subject; but she never failed to come at that morning hour."

"One day I said to her: 'Tell me how, Bessie.' She looked at me a moment, and the next was seated on my knee, and the words that flowed, those simple, childish words in which she told the story of Christ's love, never shall I forget. My eyes were far from dry when she went away, but there was less sorrow on her face than usual. Morning after morning she came, and never seemed weary of telling the sweet tale. But one morning she did not come, and I waited a long time in vain. No little feet came pattering along the hall; no little hand was clasped in mine; no little words of instruction were lisped in my ear. Presently there came a hurried knock at my door. It was opened without waiting for permission, and her father was with me."

"Norman," said he, 'she has just waked from a long and heavy sleep and is fearfully ill. Will you come? Tell me if you know what it is.'

"I went. There lay the little one with eyes closed, and in a sort of stupor. I knew at a glance it was scarlet fever. How I told those two aching hearts I know

not; but they were wonderfully calm in their anguish. The doctor soon confirmed my statement, but there was so painfully little to be done for the dear sufferer that two days passed almost in silence as we watched over her precious form. We knew from the first that she was no longer of the earth, and, indeed, it was a heavy burden for us to bear to think that she no longer would be the light of our hearts. I say we, for, though I was perhaps mistaken, the little one had so taken possession of my heart, that it seemed to me that she could not be dearer to those who had the first earthly claim upon her affections. At the end of the second day her life seemed partially to return. She opened her eyes and, smiling, said, 'Dear Uncle Norman, won't you love my Jesus? Mamma loves Him, Papa loves Him, and I love Him, and am going to Him, and I want to tell Him that you will love Him.'

"Bessie," said I, 'Tell Him my heart and life are His forever more.'

"Mamma, Papa, I am so happy now. Now I have all I want. Now I come. I come, Lord Jesus!" and the youthful spirit, so pure, so holy, returned whence it came—God's little messenger had turned a soul to righteousness, and was called home."

4. *The conversion of children is important because persons converted in childhood make the best Christians.*

If one is converted when he is old he has learned many bad tricks of character and life that have to be unlearned, and it is generally a pretty slow process. But when one is converted in childhood, character is yet to be formed and it can be formed from the beginning on right lines. If you wish to train a tree into a thing of beauty and symmetry, you had better begin when it is young. If you want to form a character of Christlike symmetry

and beauty, you would better begin in childhood.

That Christlike man of the olden time, Polycarp, who ended his life as a martyr at ninety-five, was converted at nine. That fine young man of the New Testament, Timothy, was brought up on Scripture from a babe. I rejoice with all my heart when an old broken-down drunkard is brought to Christ. It means so much. But it means so much more when a child is brought to Christ.

5. *The conversion of children is important once more because there are so many years of possible service before them.*

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ice. When the boy Polycarp was converted there was a soul saved plus eighty-six years of service. I think enough has been said to show that the conversion of the children is tremendously important—in fact, the most important business the church of Christ has on hand. Surely it was well that Jesus said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones."

II. Who Is Responsible for the Conversion of the Children?

Now we come to another question, *Who is responsible for the conversion of children?* An easy question to answer.

1. *First of all, the parents are responsible for the conversion of the children.*

The first and greatest responsibility of parents regarding their children is their salvation. The responsibility to feed and clothe and educate our children is nothing to our responsibility to bring them to Christ and bring them up in Christ. The parent who fails to bring his children to Christ has failed at the main point of parental responsibility. Yet parents are willing to leave the conversion of their children to others, to the minister, to the Sunday School teacher, or even to chance. What would you think of yourself if you left the feeding of your children and the clothing of your children to others or to chance? You would despise yourself, and well you might, but you would not really be as despicable as if you left the salvation of your children to others. This is your highest and most solemn obligation as a parent to bring your children to Christ. Have you done it? If not, then go at it at once.

I sat in the station at Evansville, Indiana, one day waiting for a train. A man and wife came in with two babes, one a year-and-a-half old, the other three. They sat down to wait for another train. I turned to the man and said, "Are you a Christian?"

"No, sir."

"Then," I said, "you are not fit to be the father of those children. God has laid a solemn responsibility upon you in giving you those children to bring up for Him."

And I say to every parent who is not a Christian, an out-and-out Christian, you are not fit to be a parent. You are unfit for the highest responsibility of fatherhood and motherhood. Get fit today by taking Christ and then begin at once to lead your children

to Christ. And you who are professed Christians, seek power for this work and begin at once.

2. *In the next place, the responsibility for the conversion of the children rests upon all pastors, evangelists and preachers of the Word.*

We are too exclusively occupied with the grown-up people. But Christ's first direction to the great preacher Peter was that he was to prove his love by feeding the lambs. The minister or evangelist who overlooks the young is disobeying Jesus Christ, and the warning of Christ should come to him with great power, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones." The fact is that it is our pride that leads us to neglect the children. It is gratifying to our vanity to think that the grown people and especially the men flock to our ministry. Anyone, we fancy, can interest the children, but it takes men of our own great mental caliber to interest the men. Oh, take heed, take heed! In the eyes of our Master the children are of first importance.

3. *In the third place, the responsibility for the conversion of the children rests upon the Sunday School teacher.*

The first and highest duty of the Sunday School teacher is to lead his scholars to Christ. The Sunday School teacher has not done his whole work when he interests his scholars or even when he instructs his scholars with good, sound, orthodox biblical doctrine. His business is to convert them, to win them to Christ.

Sunday School teacher, the probability is that there are scholars in your class that will be led to Christ by you or else will never come. Do you realize that? When you next sit before your class let this thought sink deep into your heart: some of these scholars are to be won to Christ by me or lost forever. Oh, it is a glorious thing, but it is a solemn thing to be a Sunday School teacher. What an opportunity! What a responsibility! Yet many and many a Sunday School teacher allows scholars to drift into their class and drift out of their class without any definite word to convert and save them!

Under the first sermon I ever preached in Chicago a young woman was deeply stirred. She was elegantly dressed and occupied a respectable place in society, but only because her history was not yet known. She was as truly a sinner as any woman of the street. The next night, in conversation, she told me all her shameful story. I pleaded with her to accept Christ and have her vile-ness washed away. She said that I was the first person who had ever spoken to her about her soul. Her mother was worldly, but for six years she had been a regular attendant at one Sunday School, but never once had her teacher approached her personally about accepting Christ. And she had gone out into the world to sin and shame. What a responsibility rests upon the heads of that young woman's Sunday School teachers! Oh! teachers, be soul winners, realize the immense importance of the conversion of the children to Christ and feel deeply your own responsibility for those in your class.

4. *After Sunday School teachers, the responsibility for the conversion of the children rests upon all workers.*

We must save the old if we can, and, thank God, in many cases we can, but we must save the children anyhow. In church, in inquiry meeting, on the street, in the home, everywhere, look out for the children, and take every possible opportunity to bring them to Christ.

III. How to Convert the Children

We come now to the last question and the all-important one: How can we convert the children?

1. *First of all, by prayer.*

True conversion and regeneration is the Holy Spirit's work. It is He who convicts of sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16: 8-11). It is He who leads to saving faith. It is He who makes children as well as adults new creatures in Christ Jesus. And He works in answer to prayer. There must, then, be very definite prayer for the conviction and

conversion and the regeneration of the children.

We had one child that did not seem naturally as religiously inclined as the rest. One night I was led to ask prayers for that child. That very night (or perhaps the next) when I went home I was told that the child burst into tears as she went to bed, and when her sister asked her what was the matter, she replied, "Oh, I am afraid I shall die and go to Hell!" She did die, but, thank God, before the hour came prayer had been answered and she was trusting Jesus and went to be with Him forever.

Oh, parents, pray for your children. Sunday School teachers, pray. Pray definitely, pray earnestly, pray expectantly. Of all that I heard in my own Sunday School days nothing impressed me so as a story of a teacher who prayed earnestly for all her scholars and all were converted. I was a mere boy when I heard it, but when in later years I got back into Sunday School as a teacher I remembered it and I prayed. My class was composed of reckless boys, but I saw every one of them, with possibly one exception, make a profession of faith in Christ.

2. *The second step towards the conversion of the children is the use of the Word of God.*

The Word of God is the instrument God has appointed for conviction, conversion and regeneration (I Pet. 1:23; Jas. 1:18). Fathers, mothers, Sunday School teachers, study your Bibles to find out just how to use them in leading a soul to Christ, and then use them in that way with the children in the Sunday School class, in the home, in the inquiry room and everywhere.

3. *If we are to convert the children, we must be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Holy Ghost power is what every parent needs and must have. Holy Ghost power is what every Sunday School teacher needs and must have.

I once met a gentleman and lady who had read an address on the baptism with the Spirit, and they had sought and received this baptism; so when I visited the city where they lived, they came to see me. Their hearts were full of joy. The man told me what wondrous things God had done for him by the Holy Spirit's power. Then the wife broke in and said, "Yes, and the best part of it is that I have been able to get into the hearts of my own children, which I was never able to do before."

Ah! that is what we want, parents, to get into the hearts of our children. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the secret. It is not enough that we can interest and amuse and instruct the children. It is not enough that we can draw pretty pictures on the blackboard and play kindergarten games, and sing bright songs, and get texts of Scripture and pretty notions into the children's heads. We must get Christ into their hearts. We must get them to take Jesus as their own Saviour, to trust in the shed blood of Calvary and to surrender to Christ as their Lord and Master, and confess Him as such before the world. We must get them saved.

Much of our Sunday School work and of all our children's work in this day is tomfoolery and an abomination in the sight of God. We get the children—yes, we get them in droves, and we amuse them, and we instruct them, and we delight them, and we send them home happy and resolved to come again, and then we fancy we have done a good work for God, but, in reality we have done nothing for God but much for the Devil. If the children are not converted, your work is a failure. The conversion may not always be immediate. It takes time to effect real conversion, and sometimes the fruit may not appear until years after, but if there is not converting power in your work, either now or ultimately, your work has been a failure. That there may be converting power in our work we must have the Holy Ghost. It is not enough that we know the lesson, it is not enough that we understand all these newfangled ways of teaching and interesting the scholars.

We must have the Holy Ghost. Ah! the teacher who knows nothing about using the blackboard and that sort of thing, but knows the power of the Spirit, is worth a hundred who have gone to all the schools of methods and can draw as well as Frank Beard himself, but don't know the power of the Holy Ghost.

4. *We should hold special meetings for children.*

In these meetings as the children come in they should be placed in classes of four or five, with a teacher at the end of each class. There should be first a class of boys and then a class of girls. This will prevent disorder and noise. There should be a good deal of singing, and the hymns should be bright and fresh and of a character that the children can understand. They should be taught the hymns verse by verse, and the meaning of the hymns should be explained. Hymns setting forth God's love and the atoning death of Christ should be especially used. Children enjoy singing the same verse over and over again until the truth has sunk itself way down into their hearts.

The sermon should be short and simple, emphasizing the great facts, that all, including children, are sinners, and that Jesus has borne our sin in His own body on the tree. It should be made very clear just what one must do to be saved. When the sermon is over, there should be a few moments of silent prayer, then the conductor of the meeting should lead in a simple direct prayer to God, having the children follow him audibly, sentence by sentence. When this is done, each teacher of a class should deal personally with each child in the class, seeking to bring each one to an immediate and intelligent acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

I have found this prayer, that is simple and easily remembered, of great help:

"Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure, and wholly Thine. Thou hast bled and died for me; I will henceforth live for Thee."

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After I had spoken on "The High Cost of Revival" at eleven o'clock on Thursday morning, I called for a new surrender and dedication of all of us to pay any price that God would show us was necessary to bring about re-

vival in our churches, to win our lost loved ones and neighbors. First, ninety-three preachers gathered at the altar giving themselves anew to God and undertaking, by God's help, to pay the price of seeking God with all their hearts, according to Jeremiah 29:12, 13. Then hundreds of Christians stood undertaking before God to set out to win their loved ones by paying the drastic price of extended seasons of prayer, confessing and forsaking of sin, the tears of heart-felt compassion, and an all-out effort to win the loved ones. Then Dr. Ma-

lone led us in a prayer of dedication.

After hundreds packed out the place set aside for our dinner together, served by the good women of the church, it was my privilege to speak at one o'clock and then I was rushed to a plane to fly back to Dayton.

Emmanuel Baptist Church is running, I think, some 1,500 or more in Sunday School attendance. The young men are going out from the Seminary with the power of God, are starting new churches, are seeing many, many people saved. There is the breath

of God upon the Bible-preaching, soul-winning ministry of Dr. Malone.

Dr. Lakin was at the time in a revival campaign in the church. It was good to meet him and hear him speak and to meet the many, many other preachers from over the State.

1,226 Letters Today

Last night (Sunday) I flew in from Dayton, Ohio, after speaking there at 2:30 p. m., and arrived in time to preach at Calvary Baptist Church in Wheaton for Sunday night. Now I have one

day in the office before going to Pittsburgh with the Greater Pittsburgh Evangelical Fellowship for a conference on revival and soul winning with Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

This morning the Sword of the Lord received 1,226 letters. It makes my heart burn first in a sense of gratitude to God for the tens of thousands of friends who are interested in THE SWORD and are blessed by it, and help to make it possible. Second, I am moved with a deep sense of responsibility. Oh, to satisfy the

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Will you pray for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and for this unworthy editor? Human wisdom is not enough for this job. Scholarship is not enough. Oh, may God keep us from depending on "the enticing words of men's wisdom"! Will you pray that a breath from Heaven will move on every page of every article written or edited for THE SWORD, and that every lost person who reads it may be cut to the heart and more be saved through these pages than ever? Will you pray that preachers will be inspired and strengthened, and that multitudes will be kept in the straight path of evangelical truths and the fundamentals of the faith?

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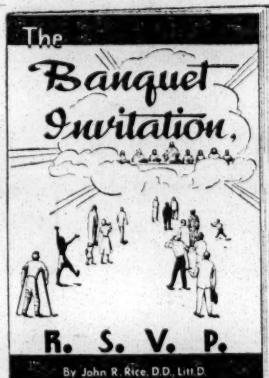
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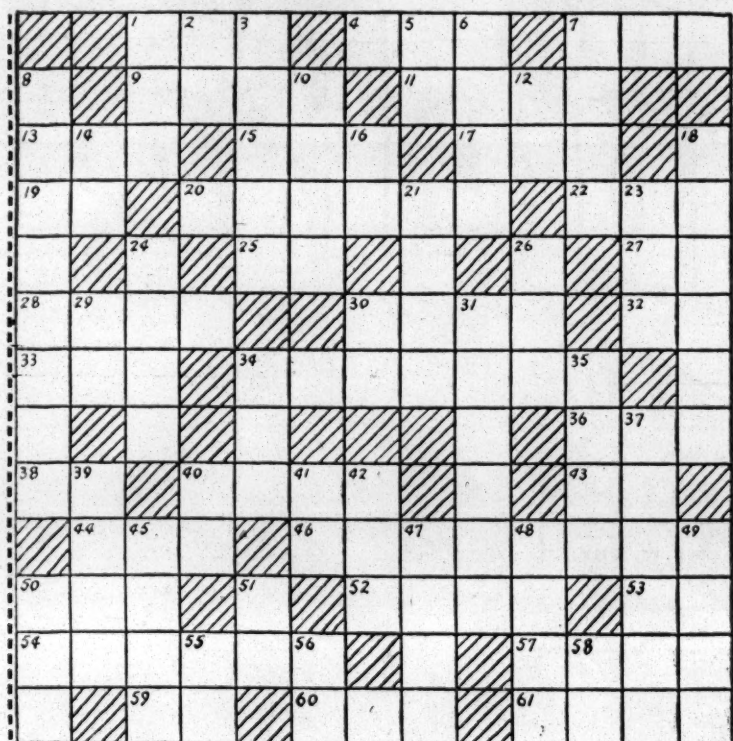
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- "Silver . . . gold have I none."
- "Shewed by the mouth of . . . his prophets"
- "At . . . Beautiful gate of . . . temple"
- Place at which one sits
- "His name through faith in his name hath . . . this man strong."
- Kind of tree
- Also
- "Ye . . . of Israel, why marvel ye?"
- "Seeing Peter and John about to . . . into the temple"
- "All the . . . ran together unto them."
- "And when Peter . . . it, he answered."
- Dark (abbr.)
- "Knew that it was . . . which sat for alms"
- Relate
- State of insensibility, — m —
- Newspaper item
- "And lifted . . . up"
- and 46 across— . . . and leaping, and . . . God"
- "As though by our . . . power or holiness"
- Right hand (abbr.)
- "Peter, fastening his . . . upon him with John"
- Bachelor of Oratory (abbr.)
- "Leaping up stood, . . . walked"
- See 34 across.
- Feminine name
- Masculine name
- District Attorney (abbr.)
- "Entered with them into the . . ."
- "Immediately his . . . and ankle bones received strength."
- Each (abbr.)
- "The . . . of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus."
- 160 square rods

CLEWS DOWN

- "To . . . alms of them that entered into the temple"
- A compass point (abbr.)
- Wrote the date
- Long meter (abbr.)
- "A certain man . . . from his mother's womb."
- Five and five (pl.)
- "Peter and John went up . . . into the temple."
- "He . . . him by the right hand."
- Doctor of Entomology (abbr.)
- Army Order (abbr.)
- Observation post (abbr.)
- Country in Europe
- "Said, . . . on us"
- Exclamation
- "Asked an . . ."
- "As the lame . . . which was healed held Peter and John"
- East Indies (abbr.)
- Chlorine (abbr.)
- Something that fits badly, — f —
- " . . . look ye so earnestly on us?"
- Desert in Asia
- "They were filled with . . . and amazement."
- "Such as I . . . give I thee"
- Diminutive of Edward
- Epistle (abbr.)
- Standing room only (abbr.)
- "In the . . . of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."
- A Canaanite who had a threshing-floor near the cave of Machpelah (Gen. 50)
- Kind of couch
- "Whom they laid daily at the . . . of the temple"
- Greek letter
- Hebrew word for deity, E —
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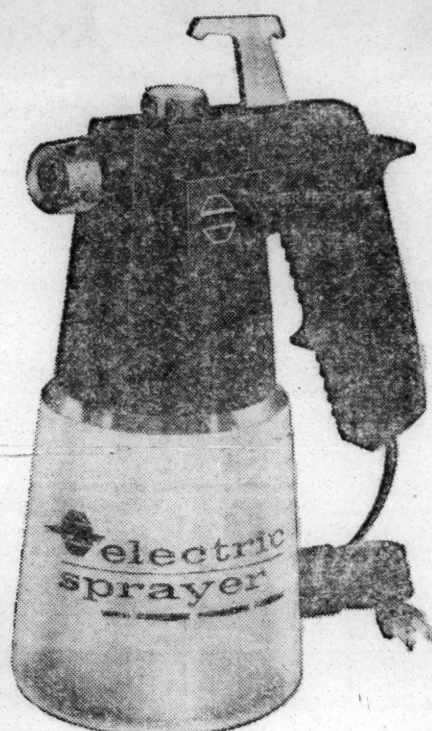
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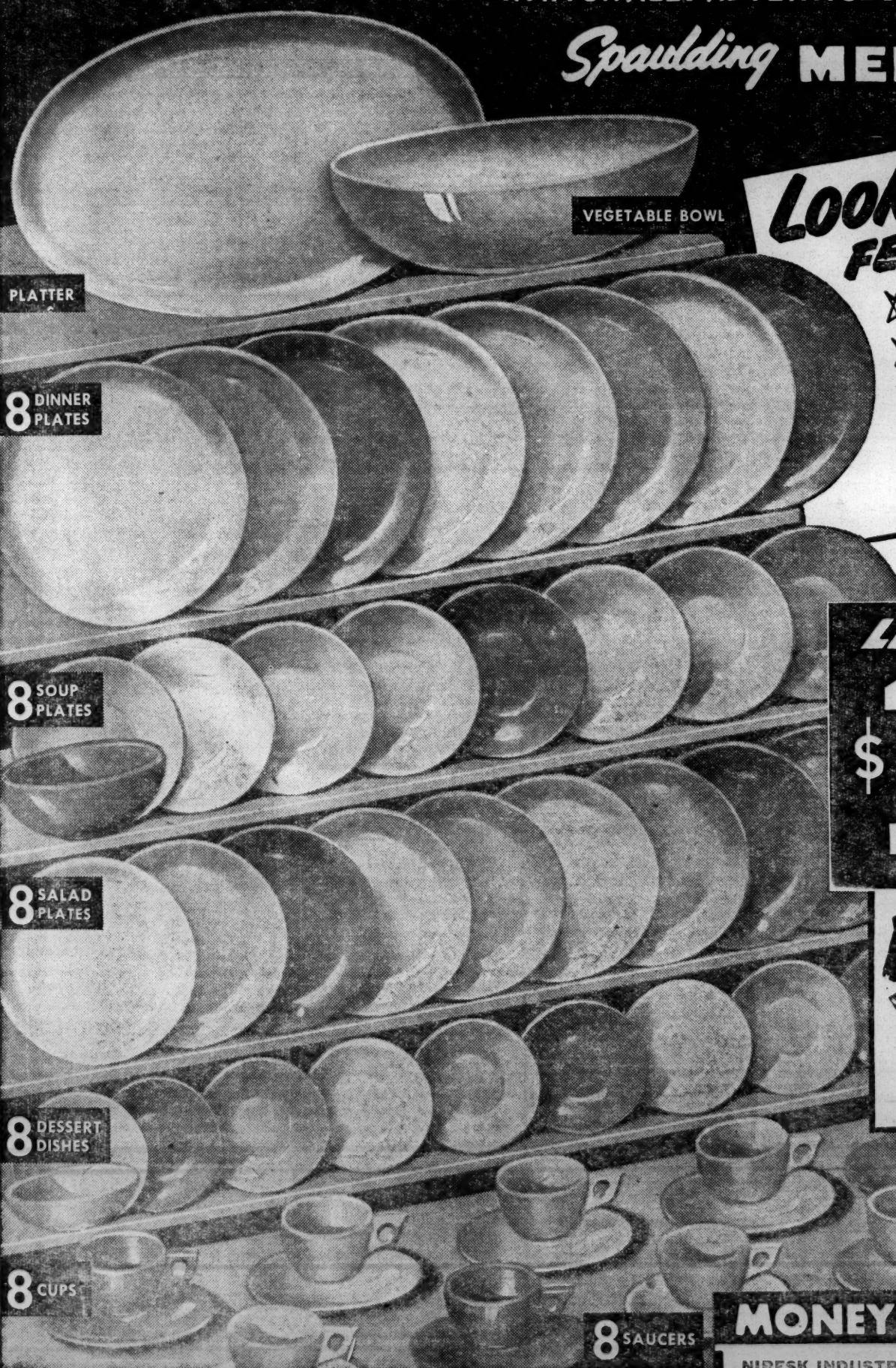
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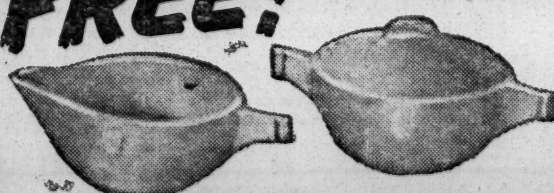
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